

resolution that will take us through December 16, which will give Congress the time it needs to complete important work—passing appropriations bills.

This week we will also confirm a number of judges who are crucial to help ease the backlog in our Nation's jam-packed courts. We have the supercommittee which is functioning. All 12 members are trying to come up with some reasonable way forward to do something about the debt.

So we have the supercommittee, we have the Defense authorization bill, we have the appropriations bill, we have a conference report, and we have the deadline that is facing us. We have to get all this work done by this weekend. If not, then we get it done before Thanksgiving, which is a week from Thursday. So as you can see, the Senate has a substantial amount of work to complete in the 10 days before Thanksgiving. I want to be clear that we are going to work up until the last moment before the holiday, if that is what it takes, to get these important tasks done. With cooperation, we can get it all done this week. But we have a lot to do, and I understand that, but I do hope we can work together to complete this country's necessary work.

Would the Chair announce the business of the day.

#### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 3 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I failed to note that Senators FEINSTEIN and ALEXANDER, the managers of this appropriations bill we have, are going to be here on the floor this afternoon to give their opening statements. So if Senators have amendments, they should talk to the two managers of the bill. I think that works much better than firing up amendments and hoping some of them stick.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

#### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of H.R. 2354, which the clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2354) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

##### H.R. 2354

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

*That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes, namely:*

##### TITLE I

##### CORPS OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL

##### DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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*The following appropriations shall be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Army and the supervision of the Chief of Engineers for authorized civil functions of the Department of the Army pertaining to rivers and harbors, flood and storm damage reduction, short protection, aquatic ecosystem restoration, and related efforts.*

##### GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS

*For expenses necessary where authorized by law for the collection and study of basic information pertaining to river and harbor, flood and storm damage reduction, shore protection, aquatic ecosystem restoration, and related needs; for surveys and detailed studies, and plans and specifications of proposed river and harbor, flood and storm damage reduction, shore protection, and aquatic ecosystem restoration projects and related efforts prior to construction; for restudy of authorized projects; and for miscellaneous investigations and, when authorized by law, surveys and detailed studies, and plans and specifications of projects prior to construction, \$125,000,000, to remain available until expended.*

##### CONSTRUCTION, GENERAL (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

*For expenses necessary for the construction of river and harbor, flood and storm damage reduction, shore protection, aquatic ecosystem restoration, and related projects authorized by law; for conducting detailed studies, and plans and specifications, of such projects (including those involving participation by States, local governments, or private groups) authorized or made eligible for selection by law (but such detailed studies, and plans and specifications, shall not constitute a commitment of the Government to construction); \$1,610,000,000, to remain available until expended; of which such sums as are necessary to cover the Federal share of construction costs for facilities under the Dredged Material*

*Disposal Facilities program shall be derived from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund as authorized by Public Law 104-303; and of which such sums as are necessary to cover one-half of the costs of construction, replacement, rehabilitation, and expansion of inland waterways projects (including only Lock and Dam 27, Mississippi River, Illinois; Lock and Dams 2, 3, and 4 Monongahela River, Pennsylvania; Olmsted Lock and Dam, Illinois and Kentucky; and Emsworth Locks and Dam, Ohio River, Pennsylvania) shall be derived from the Inland Waterways Trust Fund.*

##### MISSISSIPPI RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES

*For expenses necessary for flood damage reduction projects and related efforts in the Mississippi River alluvial valley below Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as authorized by law, \$250,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which such sums as are necessary to cover the Federal share of eligible operation and maintenance costs for inland harbors shall be derived from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund.*

##### OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

*For expenses necessary for the operation, maintenance, and care of existing river and harbor, flood and storm damage reduction, aquatic ecosystem restoration, and related projects authorized by law; providing security for infrastructure owned or operated by the Corps, including administrative buildings and laboratories; maintaining harbor channels provided by a State, municipality, or other public agency that serve essential navigation needs of general commerce, where authorized by law; surveying and charting northern and northwestern lakes and connecting waters; clearing and straightening channels; and removing obstructions to navigation, \$2,360,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which such sums as are necessary to cover the Federal share of eligible operation and maintenance costs for coastal harbors and channels, and for inland harbors shall be derived from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund; of which such sums as become available from the special account for the Corps established by the Land and Water Conservation Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 460l-6a(i)) shall be derived from that account for resource protection, research, interpretation, and maintenance activities related to resource protection in areas managed by the Corps at which outdoor recreation is available; and of which such sums as become available from fees collected under section 217 of Public Law 104-303 shall be used to cover the cost of operation and maintenance of the dredged material disposal facilities for which such fees have been collected.*

##### REGULATORY PROGRAM

*For expenses necessary for administration of laws pertaining to regulation of navigable waters and wetlands, \$193,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2013.*

##### FORMERLY UTILIZED SITES REMEDIAL ACTION PROGRAM

*For expenses necessary to clean up contamination from sites in the United States resulting from work performed as part of the Nation's early atomic energy program, \$109,000,000, to remain available until expended.*

##### FLOOD CONTROL AND COASTAL EMERGENCIES

*For expenses necessary to prepare for flood, hurricane, and other natural disasters and support emergency operations, repairs, and other activities in response to such disasters as authorized by law, \$27,000,000, to remain available until expended.*

##### GENERAL EXPENSES

*For expenses necessary for the supervision and general administration of the civil works program in the headquarters of the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the offices of the Division Engineers; and for the management and operation of the Humphreys Engineer*